

I have now been fortunate enough to visit Israel twice, most recently as part of a Congressional delegation last summer. I was again struck by the diversity that exists in such a small country and the creativity and energy that makes Israel so special.

In speaking with political, business, and social leaders, I learned so much more about what links our two countries. The similarities between Arizona and Israel, where people work hard, embrace ingenuity and creativity, and build stronger communities for their families, are also striking.

On this anniversary I reaffirm my commitment to Israel's security and to a lasting peace in the region. I am proud of the bond between our two countries, a bond built on mutual respect for human rights, democracy and freedom.

As we celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut in Israel and the United States, we can reflect on a shared past and look towards a safe and secure future.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the American Society of Clinical Oncology, ASCO, on its 50 years of advancing progress against cancer. Back in 1964, seven physicians committed to improving the care of people to cancer came together with a vision for a professional society that would educate and lead physicians through this journey. At that time, cancer was largely untreatable and only a handful of hard-to-tolerate and mostly ineffective therapies were available. Flash forward fifty years and ASCO has nearly 35,000 members around the world. In the 1960s, less than one-half of patients with cancer were alive five years after diagnosis. Today more than two-thirds of patients with cancer are alive five years after their diagnosis. The number of drugs available to treat cancer has grown from a small handful to more than 170, and options for toxicity management have vastly increased. Patient quality of life has improved dramatically. This is cause for celebration, but we cannot rest. An estimated 1.6 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer this year. The growing, aging, and more overweight population makes it likely that cancer will become the leading cause of death by 2030. I commend ASCO for its contributions to the progress against cancer over these 50 years and look forward to working with the cancer community to continue the progress.

HONORING DWAYNE GARNER

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Dwayne Garner of Henderson County for his exceptional service to our country. Beginning his service with the

Air Force in 1954, Mr. Garner served with distinction, finally earning the rank of Senior Master Sergeant in 1971. Upon completion of twenty years of service with the Air Force, while serving in the Philippines, Mr. Garner was honorably discharged. Soon after, he decided it was time to move back home to Texas with his wife and two young daughters, where he worked as an adult probation officer in Henderson County until his retirement.

Coming from a distinguished family of veterans that "bleeds red, white, and blue," Mr. Garner was no exception. During his time with the Air Force, he was awarded several medals, including the Bronze Star, two Commendation medals, and the Presidential Unit Citation. He remains a true patriot, volunteering his time with different military service organizations in East Texas.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Mr. Dwayne Garner for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as one of the original co-sponsor of the resolution recognizing May as National Foster Care Month, I rise to recognize the selfless foster families who open their hearts and their homes for children in need and to all of those individuals and organizations that work to ensure that every child has an opportunity for a brighter future.

I am honored to be a founding member of the Congressional Caucus for Foster Youth, a caucus that allows Members to gain a better understanding of the current state of foster care throughout the nation and identify potential federal policy modifications that could improve outcomes for the children in our country's foster care systems.

Mr. Speaker, currently there are over 463,000 children living in foster care. These children have been placed in homes on the account of the physical, sexual and emotional abuse they have endured with their biological caretaker.

My state of Texas currently has more than 69,000 children and young persons in foster care.

Nearly two of every three (65%) of children who are not placed in a permanent home emancipate themselves from the system often left unemployed, without a place to live and resorting to homeless shelters.

Less than 3 percent go on to college and emancipated females end up four times more likely to receive public assistance compared to the overall population of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, it is vital that we continue to create more programs, events and activities that will enlighten citizens of the United States on stories of children successfully placed in permanent homes, debunk myths about the process and acknowledge the thousands of children who could potentially become a part of these statistics.

Through these efforts we can increase the rate of adoption, decrease the rate of homelessness among the youths in this group and help develop future leaders and innovative thinkers of tomorrow.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the families who have opened their hearts and homes to foster children. Foster parents play a critical role in the lives of some of the most vulnerable youth in Texas and across the country.

They help hold our nation's social fabric together by ensuring that thousands of young people in this country stay on track towards successful futures. This month, we celebrate you and your efforts to change the lives of these children.

National Foster Care Month is an appropriate time to recognize and commend all those who are helping to improve the lives of children in foster care.

But it also serves as a reminder that more must be done. These children deserve to grow up in a loving home that is safe, happy, and most importantly one they can call their own.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. TODD GAMBLIN

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in Livermore, California.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science has selected Dr. Todd Gamblin to receive funding as part of Department's Early Career Research Program (ECRP). His project, entitled "Statistical Methods for Exascale Performance Modeling," was selected by the Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research.

The ECRP is crucial to our ability to maintain American leadership in science. It was created to support the development of individual research programs of outstanding scientists early in their careers and stimulates research careers in the disciplines supported by the DOE Office of Science.

Dr. Gamblin is a computer scientist in the Center for Applied Scientific Computing at LLNL and has been with the lab since 2008. He received a Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in computer science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2009 and 2005. He received his B.A. in computer science and Japanese from Williams College in 2002.

Awardees were selected from a large pool of university- and national laboratory-based applicants. Selection was based on peer review by outside scientific experts.

I am privileged to represent LLNL and its brilliant scientists like Dr. Gamblin. Their hard work and skill are what keeps America secure and at the forefront of scientific innovation. I want to congratulate Dr. Gamblin and wish him well in his work with ECRP.

RECOGNIZING STANISLAUS
COUNTY FARM BUREAU

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Stanislaus County Farm Bureau as they celebrate their 100th year anniversary.

The Stanislaus County Farm Bureau (SCFB) was organized in 1914. Through the efforts of the old Stanislaus County Board of Trade, its President, J.W. Davison, Secretary, Geo T. McCabe, and other Directors of that body, an appropriation was made by the Board of Supervisors for the expense of a Farm Advisor. In 1975, they changed from center concept to regional concept for the purpose of electing directors and gathering members.

To keep their members apprised of what was happening, the Farm Bureau began publication of the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Monthly newsletter in 1949. They changed the format in 1971, and the publication was sent out weekly. A few years later, in 1980, the title was changed to the Stanislaus Farm News, and is presently the only weekly county farm bureau publication in the Nation.

The SCFB is a nonprofit, voluntary membership organization whose mission is to serve as the voice of Stanislaus County agriculture at all levels of government, while providing programs to assist its farms and family members and educate the general public on the needs and importance of agriculture.

The Bureau provides a network of support both on and off the farm. From delivering breaking legislative and local news, to providing educational tools and helpful discounts, they are there to serve the farmers. As of today, the organization serves over 3,000 members in Stanislaus County with the motto: "Farmers Feed Families."

The SCFB is actively involved in agricultural education of the public and students in Stanislaus County through programs such as Ag in the Classroom and Ag Adventure. Programs such as Farm Team, Rural Crime Alert and the Stanislaus Safety Seminar are highly successful member and public service programs that enhance community awareness of agriculture and the issues faced by today's farmers and ranchers.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating with the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau for their significant contributions, not only to agriculture, but to the community and the State of California. Congratulations on the past 100 years, and I wish you the best success in the years to come.

CELEBRATING BELTON, TEXAS
MAYOR JIM COVINGTON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the fantastic public service of Belton, TX Mayor Jim Covington as he begins the next exciting chapter of his life. Recognizing

the importance of allowing younger leaders a chance to make a positive impact, Jim is stepping down from his nearly two decades of dedication to making Belton a great place to live and work.

Under Jim's leadership, Belton escaped the cycle of "management by crisis" by adopting forward-thinking strategic policies. Reviewed annually and updated every five years, these plans have put Belton on the right track. As a result, Belton has seen its population grow as the city has been repeatedly honored with awards from the Texas Municipal League, the prestigious Preserve America Presidential Award in 2008, and a Scenic City Award in 2010.

Jim's tenure was dedicated to making Belton's natural beauty his top priority. Nolan Creek winds through the heart of Belton and connects many important areas of the city including three major parks, the University of Mary Hardin Baylor, and the historic downtown area. Recognizing this uncut gem flowing through his city, Jim worked tirelessly to improve and promote this critical waterway. His vision will dramatically enhance the quality of Belton life by offering a unique recreational corridor with watersports opportunities while promoting strong economic development.

Widely admired and respected for his leadership, Jim has been a mayor both his colleagues and constituents could rely upon. His commitment to public service doesn't end when he leaves the office. A proud part of the larger Fort Hood community, he's been involved in troop support for years.

Retirement is to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but rather the beginning of a new adventure. I commend Jim Covington for his selfless service to his beloved community. I wish him only the best in the years ahead.

IN MEMORY OF NEVIN "NEB"
WILLIAM WHITESIDE, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 2nd, funeral services were held for Nevin "Neb" William Whiteside, Jr. a patriot and veteran of the United States Navy who served his country with honor in the Korean War.

Funeral services for Mr. Whiteside were held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Lexington, South Carolina. As a testament to Mr. Whiteside's love of his country, funeral flowers were red, white, and blue with a patriotic theme throughout the service according to his wishes. Interment followed in the church graveyard.

His obituary in The Lexington County Chronicle newspaper contained this tribute:

NEVIN "NEB" WILLIAM WHITESIDE, JR.

Mr. Whiteside was born November 28, 1929 in Leesville, SC, and passed away on April 30, 2014. He was the son of the late Nevin William Whiteside and Bertie Eargle Whiteside. Mr. Whiteside served our country in the US Navy during the Korean War. He retired from Kenan Transportation. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, VFW and Lexington Masonic Lodge 152. He loved to ride his Harley Davidson and enjoyed work-

ing in the yard and cleaning his car. Mr. Whiteside is survived by his wife, Barbara "Bobbie" Sox Whiteside, of Lexington; sons, Stan and Wayne Whiteside of Lexington; daughter, Kim (Tim) French of Lexington; grandchildren, Lauren, Andrew, and Brandon Whiteside, Ashley (Bowe) Butler and Malia and Devin French; great-grandchildren, Reece and Paxton Butler; sister, Doris Goff of Saluda and man's best friend "Bandit", (Poppy's Lil Buddy).

He is predeceased by his parents and his brother Horace Whiteside.

CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF INCORPORATION OF
THE CITY OF COMPTON

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, on May 14th, the City of Compton will celebrate its 125th birthday. This anniversary comes after a year-long celebration of Compton's cultural heritage and its history. In the few days before the 125th anniversary, I would like to do my part to ensure that Congress recognizes the anniversary of one of California's oldest cities.

Located in the heart of Los Angeles County, the City of Compton is the "Hub City" for both culture and trade. Several of the world's most talented athletes and artists, such as Olympic Gold Medalist Charles Dumas and the influential hip hop group N.W.A., have called this city home. Not only does Compton export talent, but it also conducts 25 percent of all U.S. waterborne international trade.

Furthermore, the City of Compton has historically been in the forefront of promoting diversity in leadership. It is the first city in California to elect an African American mayor, Douglas Dollarhide, and a female African American mayor, Doris Davis.

Therefore, I am introducing a resolution to recognize and celebrate the anniversary for the City of Compton. I hope that it can continue to grow and to develop its identity and culture. Congratulations to the City of Compton on 125 years, and may the best be yet to come.

CRUDE TRUTH

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we are in the middle of an American energy revolution, but the U.S. government is getting in the way. Until recently, U.S. crude production had been on a steady decline. In 1970, domestic production peaked at 9.6 million barrels a day. By 2008, we were almost half that with a mere 5 million barrels being pumped per day. Then, America did what America does best: innovate. New technologies of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing that no one else in the world could do has increased U.S. crude production 56 percent since 2008. By next year, according to the International Energy Agency, the U.S. will become the largest crude producer in the world. More than Saudi Arabia,